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SUBJ: OPIC PROGRAMS IN URUGUAY

FROM MANSBACH

PASS TO OPIC

1. IN TWO-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH COUNTRY TEAM, AMB SIRACUSA RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS REGARDING INSTITUTION OF OPIC PROGRAMS WHICH WILL NEED CONSIDERATION BEFORE CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM DURING HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. SPECIFICALLY, SIRACUSA IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEGAL ABILITY OF AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF OPIC'S ENTERING INTO A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY AT A TIME WHEN IT HAS DISBANDED THE LEGISLATURE. HE WISHES TO HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF WHETHER ANY SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD BE LEGALLY BINDING ON SUBSEQUENT GOVERNMENTS OF URUGUAY (I.E. WHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS ARE REINTRODUCED) AND IS INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S VIEW ON THE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS.

3. EMBASSY AND AID OFFICIALS WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OPIC'S INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND AGRI-BUSINESS PROGRAMS AND WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO SEE THESE PROGRAMS GO AHEAD EVEN  
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WITHOUT BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

4. TO PREPARE FOR SIRACUSA'S VISIT, OPIC WILL NEED TO DECIDE, INER ALIA, WHETHER BILATERAL WITH PRESENT GOU IS LEGALLY SUFFICIENT AND WHETHER OPIC WOULD OPERATE INVESTMENT PROMOTION, DIRECT LOAN AND AGRI-BUSINESS COUNCIL PROGRAMS IN URUGUAY EITHER WITHOUT TRYING TO GET A BILATERAL AGREEMENT OR WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT IF ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN SUCH AGREEMENT FAIL.

5. BECAUSE LEGAL ANALYSIS MAY INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT, WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION ON THIS ASPECT COULD BE STARTED IN ADVANCE OF MANSBACH'S RETURN.  
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